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FINANCIAL BOOKS HELP TO START NEW YEAR RIGHT

The second day of January is not in the least spiritually akin to the revolutionary day preceding it. Glorious promises seem to have lost their lustre; heroic orations echo rather blatantly; and the proverbial primrose that grows upon one's mental bank is apt to look like nothing so much as a plain, unadorned primrose. The sterner side of living now comes in for consideration, after the lighter and festive holiday season.

Among resolutions that you may be forced to keep, in spite of that delightful leaning toward procrastination, is that one about the business or the household budget. Your very good friend, the Bloomfield Public Library, will loan you books that will prove to be of real value. This short list may suggest books to help you plan 1931 to be a year of ease and no worry:

Bishop—Financing of Business Enterprises.

Bonneville — Elementary Business Finance.

Bruere—Applied Budgetting.

Friend—Earning and Spending the Family Income.

Simmons—Financing American Industry.

LIBRARY STARTS BRANCH AT WESTINGHOUSE PLANT

Many of the employees of the Westinghouse Lamp Company are enjoying the use of books that are loaned by the Bloomfield Public Library, and are placed at the disposal of the workers. Miss Janet F. Melvain and Miss A. Helene Scherff, who visited the company recently, were pleased with the interest that has been shown in this new venture of the public library. Although the first allotment of books was a small one, there will be additions made from time to time, and special requests will be satisfied as promptly as possible.

It is hoped that the employees of the Westinghouse will come to regard the extension library as a pleasant and essential part of their recreation department.

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Unemployment Greatly Increases Use of Bloomfield Public Library

The unemployment situation is having an amazing effect upon the reading-room attendance of the Bloomfield Public Library, and also upon the number of books borrowed, according to Miss Janet F. Melvain, librarian. The recently compiled figures for January, 1931, show that 4,887 more books were taken out than during January of last year. One day's circulation reached the new high-water mark of 1,223.

The most obvious result of non-employment upon the library is, of course, the fact that more people come and stay on for longer periods, Miss Melvain says. They read newspapers, magazines, fiction, and also more serious books about trades and occupations. Some of the requests made at the lending desk indicate that both men and women are using their leisure in "brushing up" or in acquiring points on new ways to make money.

"Reports from public libraries all over the United States and even from Great Britain," Miss Melvain believes, "show that although the dark side of unemployment throws an ugly shadow, yet there is a persistent light coming from free public libraries. It is hoped that in time this will create a silver lining

of real economic worth. At present, the hungry and jobless are not prone to enumerate their blessings, but perhaps the future will have better equipped men and women because their elders have effectively applied enlightenment to their ills. The Bloomfield Public Library is welcoming those who need help as heartily as it does those who seek only pleasure."

LIBRARIAN GIVES ADVICE TO PARENTS

**Less Applesauce Should Be Given
Child in 1931, She Declares;
Gives Success Hints.**

All parents of that precocious infant who was christened "1931" on January first, are cordially invited to consider this column as an ally of ways and means to further his development. After four weeks of experimentation with those curiously devices called "new year's resolutions," no doubt we are all glad enough for an opportunity to pool combined perplexities!

Of course, the infant's diet is a question of paramount importance. If we will insist upon feeding him as much applesauce as we did that once lusty child "1930," we can hope for only the same results: "1931" will grow, first into an inflated youth, then into a pompous man, and finally quite suddenly will come a tremendous deflation, leaving us to contemplate lean months with pinched prospects. To profit by last year's mistakes, we should feed this infant enough crusts to give him healthy red cheeks and strong white teeth. Wholesome food and plenty of exercise will make a sight to gladden our old eyes. Every father, and even an occasional mother, knows that.

One of the very best things that could have happened to our common interest child, was the celebration of National Thrift Week so early in his career. Since it has been said that many books on how to save money, how to become rich, and how to increase efficiency without loss of personal charm, were borrowed from the Bloomfield Public Library, it is hopefully supposed that the environment of "1931" will be much more auspicious for success than it would have been without this money-saving and happiness-promising week.

Further suggestions to guarantee a bright immediate future are offered by that custodian of all good sense, the Bloomfield Public Library. If you do not find exactly the help you need among the titles of this short list, make your troubles known to the librarians at once.

Dewey—The Quest for Certainty.
Duffus—Books—Their Place in a Democracy.
Langdon-Davies—Man and His Universe.
Pitkin—The Psychology of Happiness.

A. Helene Scherff.

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ORANGE TEACHERS VISIT LOCAL LIBRARY

Representatives of the Parent-Teachers' Association from the Gregory Street Public School, Orange, recently visited the children's room of the Bloomfield Public Library, in order to get ideas and suggestions for their school library. A new and larger room has been given by the Board of Education of Orange, and the problem confronting those in charge is to make the best of it in every way. It was suggested that a visit to the Bloomfield Library would be very helpful. After talking with Miss Janet F. Melvain and inspecting both the children's and the intermediate departments, the guests declared themselves well repaid for their visit.

BOOK LIST OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PARENTS

The following books, recommended by the Bloomfield Public Library, were endorsed by Miss Aageson, in her recent address before parents and teachers of Berkeley School pupils:

Behavior of Young Children—Waring and Wilker.
Everyday Problems of the Everyday Child—Thom.
Health of the Runabout Child—Lucas.
New Psychology and the Parent—Miller.
Problems of a Little Child—by a Mother.
Psychological Care of Infant and Child—Watson.

Periodicals.

Child Welfare Magazine.
Parents' Magazine.

Books that Little Children Love.

About Harriet—Hunt.
Careless Jane and other tales—Pyle.
Charlie and his Kitten Topsy—Hill and Maxwell.
Child's Garden of Verses—Stevenson.
Chimney Corner Stories—Hutchinson.
Clean Peter and the Children of Grubbytea—Adelborg.
Golden Goose Book—Brooke.
Little Wooden Doll—Bianco.
Old Mother West Wind—Burgess.
Story of Little Black Sambo—Bannerman.
When We Were Very Young—Milne.
Winnie the Pooh—Milne.

Magazines for Little Children.
Child Life.
Merry-Go-Round

A Book Lover Browses Thru Public Library

After an absence of almost seven months from the Bloomfield Public Library, I decided one day last week to re-acquaint myself informally with its books and periodicals, before again entering upon the duties of an assistant.

If the spirit of restlessness has lately seized any reader of The Independent Press, may he read this account of my adventure and be moved to do likewise according to his lights!

As I approached the beautiful Colonial building from across that truly lovely center of Bloomfield, the Green, I was as usual irresistibly attracted by the cordial architectural welcome expressed in every stone of the facade. It was a sunny day; there was a friendly greeting; life was pleasant.

Once inside, after a desultory glance at the new books (for, like Wm. Hazlitt, "I cannot understand the rage manifested by the greater part of the world for reading New Books. If I have not read a book before, it is, to all intents and purposes, new to me, whether it was printed yesterday or 300 years ago"), I sat down in the reading room with the October "Atlantic Monthly." I became so captivated by the tales and philosophies there related by Mr. A. Edward Newton, that I quite forgot my earlier intention to "meet the new authors," and instead went back to the stacks to browse among many old friends. There I found such gems as this in the essay "The Experimental Life" by Randolph Bourne in his book "Youth and Life":

"Life is not a rich province to conquer by our will, or to wring enjoyment out of with our appetites, nor is it a market where we pay our money over the counter and receive the goods we desire. It is rather a great tract of spiritual soil, which we can cultivate or misuse. With certain restrictions, we have the choice of the crops which we can grow. Our duty is evidently to experiment until we find those which grow most favorably and profitably, to vary our crops according to the quality of the soil, to protect them against prowling animals, to keep the ground clear of noxious weeds. Contending against wind and weather and pests, we can yet with skill and vigilance win a living for ourselves. None can cultivate this garden of our personality but ourselves. Others may supply the seed; it is we who must sow and reap. We are owners in fee simple, and we cannot lease. None can live my life but myself, and the life that I live depends on my courage, skill, and wisdom in experimentation."

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One of the joys of browsing is the gratification of inconsistent whims. I betook myself to Stuart Chase's "The Tragedy of Waste," which had been on my reading list for a long time. A chance opening to the chapter on Wastes in Production revealed that authoritative matter can be as pleasantly readable as the following excerpt:

"In Paris a call on the telephone is said to be an adventure in a complex of silence and blasphemy. The government runs the lines, but 25 private manufacturers are allowed to compete in providing subscribers with 150 different types of instruments. Some instruments are good, some are indifferent, some are bad; some have gone out of business and repair parts cannot be had. When anything goes wrong with the phone, the government inspector blames the instrument, and the instrument maker's inspector blames the government. Courtesies and correspondence are exchanged indefinitely on this basis. Ultimately, with a fair run of luck, the trouble may be repaired."

Recalling that a book-lover of rare taste and distinction had recommended through The Independent Press, that entertaining symposium entitled "What Is Hell?" by the so-called gloomy Dean of St. Paul's in London, I wanted to add that to my collection, too. Alas, a quicker borrower than I had been more fortunate! "Better luck next time," I said, firmly resolving to try and try again until successful.

Since at least one copy of the "Saturday Review of Literature" is essential to every group of well-chosen books, I added the August 15th number (one of the chief joys of this periodical being that it can be read with much pleasure months after its publication). In Christopher Morley's "Bowling Green" column I found the following paragraph contributed by Conan Doyle:

"No one can say a neater thing than Willie Hornung and his writings never adequately represented the powers of the man. These things depend upon the time and

the fashion, and go flat in the telling, but I remember how, when I showed him the record of someone who claimed to have done a hundred yards under ten seconds, he said: 'It is a sprinter's error.' Golf he could not abide, for he said it was 'unsportsmanlike to hit a sitting ball.' His criticism upon my Sherlock Holmes was 'Though he might be more humble, there is no police like Holmes.'"

Although this has grown to be a long record, the actual hours spent on my bibliographic expedition were less than two, and the stimulation derived was worth much more. I heartily recommend such a journey not only to those economically depressed, but to all lovers of romance and adventure who are not afraid to leave common literary stamping grounds in quest of unusual delights.

A. Helene Scherff.

Rewarded Library.

Editor of The Independent Press:

Sir: When the late Dwight W. Morrow was sent to Mexico as an ambassador from the United States, the newspapers reported that he spent many hours in public libraries in an effort to become better acquainted with the history and customs of his new environment and friends. His extraordinarily successful diplomatic career can well be attributed to the sympathetic understanding he obtained through his reading.

Throughout his life Mr. Morrow was an intelligent friend of the public library. At his death, he left a bequest of \$10,000 to the Englewood Public Library to be used in the purchase of books, prints, pictures, maps and manuscripts, preferably of that locality of New Jersey in which he lived.

Mr. Morrow sets an example to the citizens of every community who have used and appreciated their public libraries. Too often, the good men do is interred with them, his gift will furnish a beautiful monument to his memory.

Yours truly,

A. Helene Scherff.

Bloomfield, N. J.,
October 24th, 1931.

To Conclude Stay.

Miss Janet F. Melvain, head librarian of the Bloomfield Public Library, is expected to return tomorrow from Kingston, N. Y., where she spent the week.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT LIBRARY ELECTION DAY

The usual holiday hours will be observed by the Bloomfield Public Library on Election Day, November 3rd. The library will be open from two until six o'clock in the afternoon for reading and for lending books.

LOCAL ARTIST TO EXHIBIT PAINTINGS

An exhibit of paintings by George Swanson of Orchard street will open at the Bloomfield Public Library Monday and will continue throughout the week. Water colors, oils, decorative wall panels and theatre masks will be included.

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Aids to Enlightenment.

Editor of The Independent Press:
Sir: Benjamin Franklin once wrote to Josiah Quincy: "There never was a good war or a bad peace."

That was the sentiment expressed by Dr. Diefendorf and Dr. Bugby at the recent World Peace meeting held in the Bloomfield High School auditorium. It appeared also to be the belief of those citizens who had taken the trouble to show by their attendance that, among the 38,000 residents of Bloomfield there are some who care about international affairs as much as others do about that type of amusement which flourishes for the so-called tired business man.

We are learning that to make the average American citizen extend his vision across the seas, is a much harder and infinitely slower task than it was to gain his consent for transporting thousands of American soldiers during the black days of the last war.

If everyone believed that "The minds, the souls of men, are crippled in war time by its implications of egotism, national pride, and its ground work of hatred and ill-will," the dawn of peace, for which Dr. Bugby and Dr. Diefendorf and all anti-Navy Leaguers are working, will come.

Meanwhile, the quality of virtue is strained by the snail-like pace

of those responsible, and we enjoy thinking with the irritated Marcus Aurelius: "Do not act as if you had 10,000 years to throw away. Death stands at your elbow. Be good for something while you live, and it is in your power."

We are reminded that Rome was not built in a day. Peace is to be a grander, a truly lasting structure for which we can well afford to "possess our souls in patience."

Let enlightenment spread through the reading of good books, through intelligent conversation, and through the works without which faith is dead. The Bloomfield Public Library is one of the most comprehensive aids to enlightenment that the town possesses.

Very truly yours,

A. Helene Scherff.

November 2nd, 1931.
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Miss Mildred Stone, president of the college club, is general director of arrangements. Mrs. Edson J. Lawrence is special chairman in charge of the event and she is assisted by the following committee chairmen: Mrs. Walter Metcalf, publicity; Mrs. B. N. McCraven, tickets; Mrs. Harold B. Thomas, Mrs. Harold Phillips and Mrs. W. D. Gero, publicity in schools and clubs; Mrs. Laurence F. Block, posters. Miss Barbara Schroeder of the Bloomfield Library assisted with the publicity work.

LIBRARY TO BE OPEN ON ARMISTICE DAY

On Armistice Day, November 11th, the Bloomfield Public Library will be open as usual, from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Young Bloomfield Artist Holds First Exhibit of His Work

George Swanson, 21-year-old Bloomfield artist, is holding the first public exhibition of his work at the Bloomfield Library Museum. The exhibit, which has been open for two weeks and will end tomorrow, reveals a surprisingly large output for so young an artist, and a variety of interests. There are 39 paintings, in water colors and oils,

of subject but conventional enough in treatment to please those spectators who like to know at what they are looking. The water colors have a pleasing freshness. Their variety of subject is illustrated by the titles of the three best: "Sunlit Valley," "Edge of the Everglades," "Still Life with Carrots."



George Swanson.

wood cuts, theatre masks and decorative wall panels.

Mr. Swanson's work strikes a happy medium between conservatism and modernism, leaning slightly toward the latter in simplicity

DEPRESSION BOOMS

"BUSINESS" AT LIBRARY

"We're busier than we've ever been before, and it's undoubtedly due to the depression." The latest authoritative news from the Bloomfield Public Library bears out this consensus of opinion from the staff members.

They are working harder than ever and are serving 10,320 active borrowers. This is nearly 30 per cent of the entire population of Bloomfield.

In October, 1931, they gave out 21,499 books, 3,387 more than were issued in October, 1930. The only month with a larger circulation was March, (always the busiest month of the year,) with a circulation of 24,423.

Paraphrasing the motto of a well known department store the Bloomfield Public Library can

truthfully advertise itself as "one of New Jersey's busier libraries."

The members of the staff have voted to give 1 per cent of their salaries for the next three months to the unemployment relief work of the League for Friendly Service. The staff has added a volunteer worker to its ranks. Miss Bertha Jacobus of Verona is giving her services five afternoons a week.

The drama department of the Women's Club of Glen Ridge, with Mrs. Simon F. Hauser, chairman, in charge, will present *Ann Barnouw* of the New York City Theatre Guild, on Wednesday, Miss Barnouw will review the current plays produced by the guild, and Miss Helene Scherff of the Bloomfield Library, will speak on new and unusual books. Tea will be served by Mrs. Frank Mitchell and her committee.

FORMER BLOOMFIELDER WRITES BOOK OF POEMS

"An interesting feature of the new season," wrote Frank Swinerton recently, "appears to me to be the marked revival of interest in the Victorian era. It used to be the fashion to sneer at the Victorians. We are witnessing the rehabilitation of the Victorians week by week. Tennyson is being re-established as a great poet. Plays with Victorian costumes are extraordinarily popular. Morals are no longer thought to be queer. Dignity and self-respect are no longer laughable."

Poetry, it seems, is not to be outdone by sturdy prose, and also has fallen under the spell of this renaissance. Especially among the newer versifiers do we find less love for geometric patterns and fewer excursions among unusual metres.

"Twilight Rhapsody," recently published by the Art Craft Publishing Company, of Newark, N. J., marks the initial appearance in print of Florence Maron, who belongs to that group interested in conventional form, and who prefers conservatism in thought content.

The dedication illustrates the point:

"To the magic of the Firefly.
To the roseate blush of Dawn;
To the Dew Drops and the Flowers,
To the birds that sing at Morn.
To the creatures in the Woodland,
To the sunny babbling Brook;
To the Rainbow and the Starshine,
I dedicate this book."

Most of Miss Maron's ventures in the field of rhyme show her to be a nature lover. However, she has included in her book of 50 poems expressions of love for children as well as a rather unexpected sense of humor. Miss Maron, now living in West Caldwell, was formerly a resident of Bloomfield and the Bloomfield Public Library has added "Twilight Rhapsody" to its

First Presbyterian Church Calendar, Nov. 15-1931

The week of November 15th to 21st is National Book Week. International friendship through children's books will be emphasized by public libraries and bookshops throughout the country. The Bloomfield Public Library cordially invites you to enjoy its special displays of "Round the World in Books," its suggestions for suitable Christmas gifts and its customary hospitality.

THE BROOKDALE (Reformed) CHURCH

Bloomfield, N. J.

Rev. Earle V. A. Conover, B.D., Pastor

NATIONAL BOOK WEEK 15-21st.

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Westminster Church calendar, Nov. 15, 1931

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Library to Show Things Belonging to Araminta, Doll Who Kept a Diary

"When it stops raining, let's go over to call on grandma." Suddenly the sun came peeking from behind the dark clouds. Betty and Anne started out dressed like ladies and of course they carried Julie and me. Betty said, "Let's pretend we are book agents and try to sell some books to grandma." So they took the Trotty Book and two bound volumes of The Nursery. The little ladies held up their long skirts. Grandma was delighted to see her callers, for she said she was beginning to be lonely.

"Then she did the loveliest thing. She opened the parlor door and let us sit in her very best room. The room that has the beautiful soft carpet with big bunches of red roses. The room where the large family portraits hang on the wall. The room that has mahogany furniture all upholstered in shiny black haircloth. The seats are so smooth and round and slippery that we had to be careful not to slip right off on the floor. Julie and I were put on a chair side by side so we could hold on together."

That is the beginning of one of the exciting events told by Araminta in her diary. There are many others, but I particularly like the way Araminta talks about Betty's grandmother, for my own grandmother was so lovely and sweet and always gave me such perfect times. Perhaps you enjoyed some of Araminta's other exciting events told by Araminta in her diary. Perhaps you enjoyed some of Araminta's other experiences more. If so, why not write and tell Peter Pan about it next week?

Araminta, as you know, was always having adventures, and wrote them all down in a book called "Grandmother's Doll." I wonder if you also know that the little girl who owns this fascinating and unusual doll lives in Bloomfield? Of course, she is a grown-up little girl now, but as soon as you see her you will understand why Araminta loved her, and always wanted to be with her.

Here is some good news for Araminta's friends: Mrs. Bouton, (that is the grown-up little girl's name), has promised to lend ever so many of Araminta's things to the Bloomfield Public Library, so that you may see them for yourself! During Book Week, which is from November 15th to 21st, they will be in the adult department of the library. But wait! There is even better news! Wouldn't you love to see Araminta herself?

Just now she is in New York City being entertained by ladies and gentlemen and children who admire her. She is having a perfectly lovely time at parties, and smiles modestly but happily when she is complimented. Mrs. Bouton has said, however, that as soon as Araminta comes back to town and has rested up a bit, she will entertain one afternoon in the Children's Room of the Bloomfield Public Library! Now, won't that be an occasion? You may all come to see her and her things, and if you own a copy of her diary, Mrs. Bouton says she will autograph it for you. That will make the book doubly precious, you know!

Meanwhile, you can be reading about some of Araminta's friends, if you like, for other ladies of her kind have written books, too, and have set down the important details of their lives. Don't you think that Araminta herself, would have loved to have met "Hitty"? Anyone who keeps a diary will adore "The Memoirs of a London Doll." Araminta and her friend Julie were fashionable ladies, but they were not snobs, so I wouldn't be surprised to learn that, in recent years, Araminta has met and fallen in love with "Polly Cologne." All of these books are at the Bloomfield Public Library in the Children's Room, and perhaps you will also be lucky enough to find another one called "Peeps at the World's Dolls."

A. Helene Scherff.

Peter Pan Page

STORY HOURS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

A story-hour for all the fifth grade children in Bloomfield, will be held at the Bloomfield Public Library at 3:45, Friday, November 20th. Mrs. Helen Small, leader of the original work group of the Bloomfield Woman's Club, and also a well-trained teller of children's stories, will have charge of the hour.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bouton will entertain children of preschool age with stories and poems, on Saturday morning, November 21st, at 10:30 o'clock, in the children's room of the Bloomfield Public Library.

Her literary ability has placed these talents within the appreciation of countless readers, and she

owes many new and delightful friendships to the success of her book.

As I rose to leave, my gracious hostess presented me with an autographed copy, first edition, of "Grandmother's Doll" for the Bloomfield Public Library. "The Children's Round Table," graded poems and stories for the smaller children, is already prepared. A collection of fairy tales (and the hint of their dedication to the library!) is in the making. Lastly, Mrs. Bouton told me of some thrilling friendship stories, which I know will be eagerly awaited by everyone who journeys "Round the World in Books" during National Book Week, this year.

(6 8 1/2" for Book Week)

Children's Book League Selection Written By Resident of Bloomfield

By A. Helene Scherff.

"I love to rise early in the morning, and sometimes have hours of work accomplished before the rest of the family is about."

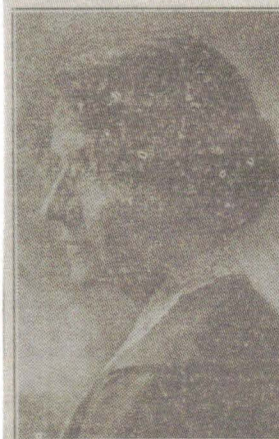
The blue-eyed lady, clasping her hands, leaned forward in her chair, and smiled. We were sitting in her cheerful little workshop at the top of the house. No sounds except her soft voice reached my

I marvelled at her enthusiasm, which made each day too short for its work. What youth, what vigor, what tirelessness, what a rosy example of the full life! This charming little lady has always had a primary interest in children. She told me. Her own gay and precious childhood is as real to her as if it were still whispering its secret into her ear.

"Most of the incidents related in my book are actual occurrences," she said, and then, acting upon impulse, she showed me Araminta's four poster bed, one of Pony Jack's shoes, and other things that make their appearance in "Grandmother's Doll." "I love them all," she added, "and so do my grandchildren."

The desire to create literature has been uppermost in Mrs. Bouton's mind for many years. Now that "Grandmother's Doll" has been acclaimed and hailed as one of the truly superior children's books of the year, we predict for her, further success in the fields of literature.

"I like to take life as an adventure," Mrs. Bouton said to me. "With my writing, I am trying to brighten my corner. My most gratifying achievement so far, is the level on which children and I meet. I have stepped down to meet them; they have climbed up a bit to meet me. We have created a story world (or heaven it may be) of our own, where we understand each other perfectly. It is wonderful."



Mrs. Elizabeth Gladwin Bouton

ears. The morning sunshine touched all of her beloved possessions with gold. I leaned back in my low rocker, wondering how I could possibly transfer some of her joy of living to the cold keys of the press, for this interview with Mrs. Elizabeth Gladwin Bouton was turning out to be an adventure with a spirit, instead of just a pleasant chat with the successful author of "Grandmother's Doll," the children's book which was a book-of-the-month selection of the Children's Book League.

LIBRARY DISPLAYS TO MARK BOOK WEEK

The Bloomfield Public Library will have special displays of new books both in the children's department and in the adult department, to celebrate National Book Week from November 15th to 21st. Everyone is cordially invited to enjoy these displays, which will include some of the most interesting examples of good book-making that the publishers have put out during the year.

There will also be a shelf of books of special interest to Bloomfielders. This will be made up of books written recently by people now living in Bloomfield, and books about Bloomfield.

Although it is already too late to produce the old slogan: "Do your shopping early, to avoid the Christmas rush," it is still early enough to choose good gifts wisely and well. The displays at the library will solve many otherwise perplexing holiday problems, says a statement from the library.

PRIZE CHEST POSTERS DISPLAYED IN LIBRARY

The prize winning posters for the Community Chest Campaign are on exhibition at the Bloomfield Public Library.

First prize was awarded to Albert Bischoff; second prize to Ruth Baldwin; third prize to Ruby Eriksen. Dorothy M. Jones and Homer Heckel received honorable mention.

Discussion on International Relations Tuesday Evening At Library Open to Public.

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Chapter of the A. A. U. W. will be held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Bloomfield Public Library.

Miss Helene Scherff will give a short talk on children's books on international relations.